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HASSAN MUHAMMAD ALI BIN ATTASH - ISN 1456
PRIVATE COUNSEL STATEMENT

I am David Remes, private counsel for Hassan bin Attash (ISN 1456). I have been Hassan's habeas counsel since 2005.

Hassan continues to refuse to participate in the PRB process because he believes, understandably, that participation is pointless. First, it has been long-standing Board policy not to approve for transfer detainees who dispute the Government's factual narrative in any substantial respect, as Hassan does. Second, since President Trump assumed office in January 2017, the Board has conducted full reviews of twenty-three detainees, but in none of the sixteen cases in which it has issued final determinations has the Board approved a detainee for transfer.

Despite these realities, I continue to believe that Hassan deserves to be approved for resettlement in an appropriate country, preferably though not necessarily an Arab country.

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